Woman Mayor Defies Political Death Threat

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) Mayor Beth Wood, recently elected as first woman mayor of New Westminster, says she was threatened with political destruction if she voted to retain a city appointee.

Mrs. Wood told city council Wednesday night that a "prominent man" had told her last Thursday "he would personally set up a campaign to finish me as mayor of New Westminster" if she voted to retain Capt. Jack Dennis as city representative on the harbor board here.

Wednesday night she voted for Capt. Dennis, who had held the post for six years, although two-thirds of the council members voted otherwise. Businessman Fred Coulthard was approved instead.

Mrs. Wood said the caller, whom she did not identify further, told her "he had a rental of waterfront property which Capt. Dennis had voted against."

"I want it recorded at this meeting I am voting for Capt. Dennis, not because this man has dared me to do so, but because I believe Dennis is best qualified for the job."

Party Lines Set to Music

TOKYO (UPI) — Radio Peiping has announced the top songs on Red China's hit parade:

"We Will Not Allow U.S. Imperialists to Ride Roughshod Over the People."

"The People's Communes Are Good."

"Long Live Mao Tse-tung."

Airliner at Mach 5

Slashing through the sky at altitudes of 60,000 feet or more and at speeds three to five times the speed of sound, this futuristic passenger transport is one of hundreds of designs being considered. R. C. Sebold, vice-president of engineering for Convair, predicted that airline economics would compel builders to bypass Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound) transports by 1965 in favor of Mach 3 to Mach 5 transports in the 1970's.

The Courtroom Parade

Orderly Admits Stealing Goods from City Hospital

Former hospital orderly who admitted in city police court the theft of bed linen and other articles from St. Joseph's Hospital, yesterday was remanded until Tuesday for sentencing, pending a probation report.

Thomas Flewin, of 624 Gorge Road, pleaded guilty to the theft charge when brought before Magistrate William Ostler.

Det. Deans Blackstock testified he searched the former orderly's home on Feb. 4 and found four bedspreads, a pillow slip, a uniform, a flannelette sheet and boxes of toilet tissue, total value $31.40, which were the property of the hospital.

"The accused said he took the articles over a period of time," Det. Blackstock said.

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In Saanich police court yesterday, Ormie W. Stohl, 568 Forward Street, was fined $100 and severely reprimanded by Magistrate William Ostler for dumping rubbish on Munns Road.

"You haven't got any right to dump your stuff all over the highway and expect someone else to pick it up," the magistrate said.

Police evidence indicated nine boxes of assorted clothing, papers and bottles were strewn along the road.

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In the same court, three juveniles were each fined $15 for having liquor in their possession. Kenneth D. Charter, 18, 2602 Sooke Road, and James W. Hamilton, 18, 595 Baker Street, were caught with beer in their possession, and Brian Sinkinson, 19, of 1104 D'Arcy Lane, was caught with some ale in a car.

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In city police court, Robert L. Blake, Work Point Barracks, was remanded to Monday for plea on a charge of loitering and prowling at the residence of C. J. Bayly, 851 Fort Street, on Wednesday night.

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In Colwood police court Wednesday, Kenneth Wakeman, 814 Goldstream, was fined $25 for stealing gasoline from Midland Construction Co., and $50 for using the colored fuel in a private vehicle on a public highway.

In the same court, Robert Michael Taylor, 1221 Goldstream, was fined $75 for criminally negligent driving.

Man's Death Saves Him From Trial

WINNIPEG (CP)—Death of a woman and her husband Wednesday of internal acid burns and other injuries has been described by police as a murder-suicide.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gensorak. Police said the 38-year-old mother of five was beaten and apparently forced to drink hydrochloric acid.

Police chief Robert Taft said Gensorek would have been charged with murder if he had lived.

PWA Applies For Extension

OTTAWA (CP) — Pacific Western Airlines has applied to the Air Transport Board for the right to extend its scheduled flight operations to the Vancouver-Seattle route.

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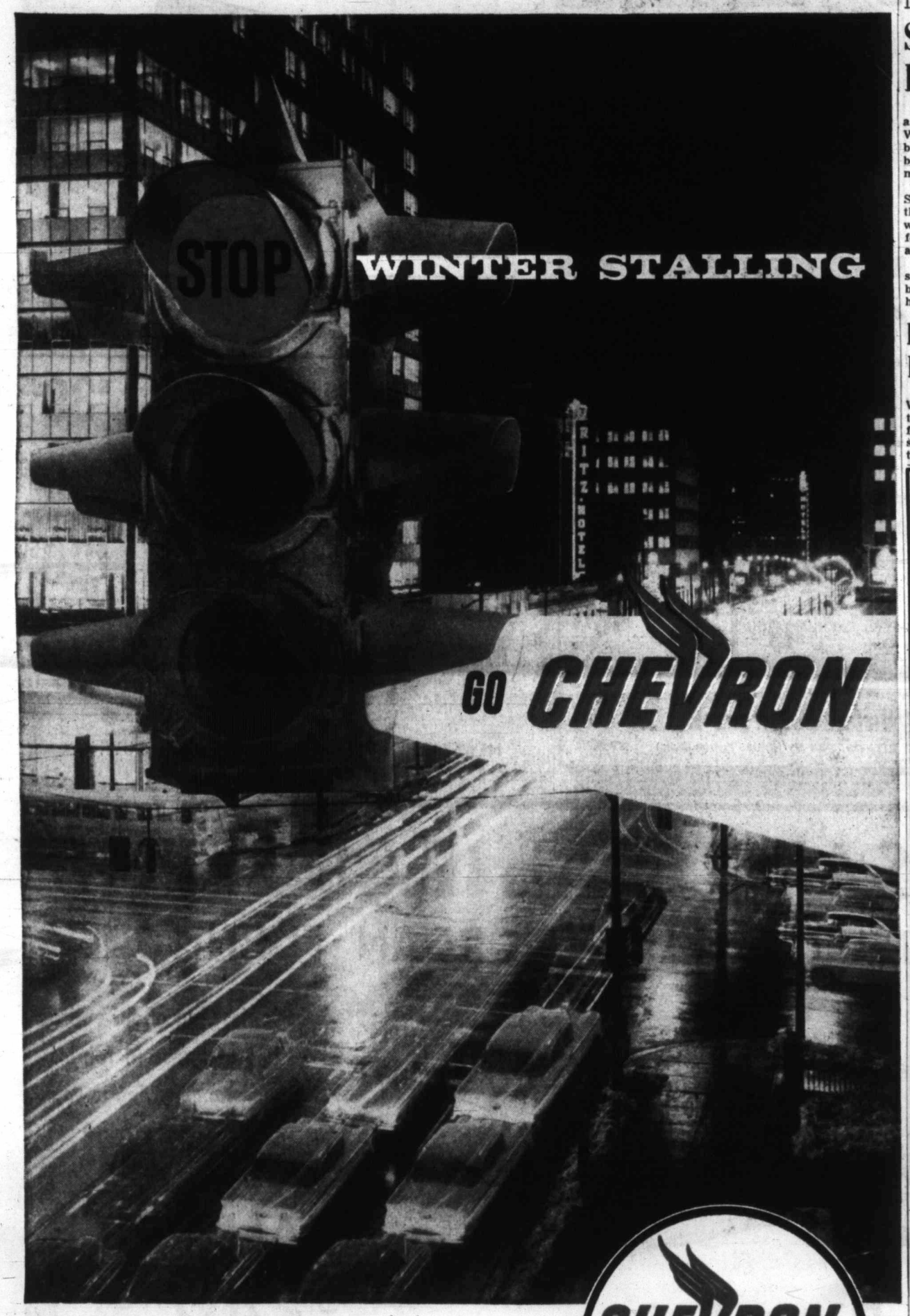

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